

# Addendum to the Programme Specification

## 8561 MSc Biodiversity and Conservation

This Addendum has been produced to highlight the key changes made to the existing Programme Specification as a result of the University's response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. You should read it in conjunction with the relevant Programme Specification from the year you started your programme.

[Programme Specification for entry in 2020-21](#)

## University level information

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In view of COVID-19, the University has had to make changes to some elements of programme delivery for 2020-21. These changes have included the method of delivery, such as face-to-face and online, and the number of modules available.

The University aims to provide as much of a face-to-face component to your education as prevailing conditions at the time allow, combined with its new blended approach that will develop active independent and group online learning.

As the COVID-19 pandemic develops, the University's response to this and other issues may likewise need to evolve. The University will consult with student representatives as necessary and appropriate and will communicate changes to you as soon as practicable so that you have the information you need to understand how a change may impact you and what steps you need to take next. The University remains committed to supporting you as you learn.

## Programme Information

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In light of Covid-19, some practical elements of the programme will be modified during 2020-21. Group work sessions will be adapted to ensure they meet current social distancing requirements. Where field trips are a part of specific modules, these will be scheduled according to current local and national restrictions and only run where possible within Covid-19 University of Southampton and UK Government constraints.

## Programme Structure

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Where optional modules have been specified, the following is an indicative list of available optional modules, which are subject to change each academic year. Please note that, in some instances, modules have limited spaces available.

You must complete all Core modules.

### Part 1

You must choose a total of 45 ECTS/90 CATS of optional modules.

You must choose a minimum of 22.5 ECTS/45 CATS up to a maximum of 30 ECTS/60 CATS of optional modules from Group 1 and a minimum of 15 ECTS/30 CATS to a maximum of 22.5 ECTS/45 CATS of optional modules from Group 2.

| Semester 1                                     |      |      |                            | Semester 2                                             |      |      |                            |
|------------------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------|
| Modules                                        | ECTS | CATS | Core, Compulsory or Option | Modules                                                | ECTS | CATS | Core, Compulsory or Option |
| <a href="#">ENVS6003</a> Freshwater Ecosystems | 7.5  | 15   | Core                       | <a href="#">ENVS6034</a> Advanced Quantitative Methods | 7.5  | 15   | Core                       |

### Group 1 options

You must choose a minimum of 22.5 ECTS/45 CATS up to a maximum of 30 ECTS/60 CATS of optional modules from Group 1.

| Semester 1                                               |      |      |                            | Semester 2                                                 |      |      |                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------|
| Modules                                                  | ECTS | CATS | Core, Compulsory or Option | Modules                                                    | ECTS | CATS | Core, Compulsory or Option |
| <a href="#">BIOL6066</a> Biodiversity and Conservation   | 7.5  | 15   | Option                     | <a href="#">BIOL6096</a> Global Challenges in Biology      | 7.5  | 15   | Option                     |
| <a href="#">ENVS6028</a> Environmental Impact Assessment | 7.5  | 15   | Option                     | <a href="#">ENVS6036</a> Advanced GIS and Spatial Analysis | 7.5  | 15   | Option                     |

### Group 2 options

You must choose a minimum of 15 ECTS/30 CATS to a maximum of 22.5 ECTS/45 CATS of optional modules from Group 2.

| Semester 1                                                                              |      |      |                            | Semester 2                                                  |      |      |                            |
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| Modules                                                                                 | ECTS | CATS | Core, Compulsory or Option | Modules                                                     | ECTS | CATS | Core, Compulsory or Option |
| <a href="#">ENVS6032</a> Geographical Information Systems for Environmental Consultants | 7.5  | 15   | Option                     | <a href="#">GEOG6087</a> Practical Skills in Remote Sensing | 7.5  | 15   | Option                     |
|                                                                                         |      |      |                            | <a href="#">CENV6141</a> Bioenergy                          | 7.5  | 15   | Option                     |

### Part 2

| Modules                                       | ECTS | CATS | Core, Compulsory or Option |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------|
| <a href="#">ENVS6035</a> MSc Research Project | 30   | 60   | Core                       |